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EXAMINING GROUP 2624

PATENT  
1163-0271P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yuri HASEGAWA et al. Conf.: 4078  
Appl. No.: 09/530,136 Group: 2624  
Filed: April 27, 2000 Examiner: Do, A.H.  
For: IMAGE ENCODING DEVICE, IMAGE ENCODING  
METHOD, IMAGE DECODING DEVICE AND IMAGE  
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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS Technology Center 2600

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 3, 2003

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated June 3, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-17 and 19.

☐ This document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of two (2) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

☒ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$420.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

☐ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on \_\_\_\_\_. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an

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additional \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) for filing the Notice of Appeal.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

☒ Large entity - \$330.00

☐ Small Entity - \$165.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$750.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$750.00 is/are enclosed.

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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